

8 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Appearance before House Foreign Affairs Committee -
Tuesday, 27 February 1962, 2:30 p.m.

1. The Director met with House Foreign Affairs Committee for a world situation briefing in executive session. There was a technical sweep made of the room and a transcript was taken. Present for the Agency were:

John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence
Robert Amory, Deputy Director (Intelligence)
John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel

Present from the Committee were:

Thomas E. Morgan, Chairman

Clement J. Zablocki
Wayne L. Hays
Armistead I. Selden, Jr.
Leonard Farbstein
Charles C. Diggs, Jr.
Harris B. McDowell
William T. Murphy
Cornelius E. Gallagher
Robert N. C. Nix
Thomas F. Johnson
John S. Monagan
Edna F. Kelly

Robert B. Chipperfield
Frances P. Bolton
Walter H. Judd
Marguerite Stitt Church
Laurence Curtis
William S. Mailliard
Peter Frelinghuysen
William S. Broomfield
Robert R. Barry
J. Irving Whalley
Horace Seely-Brown, Jr.

Present from the staff were:

Boyd Crawford, Staff Administrator
Roy J. Bullock, Senior Staff Consultant
Albert C. F. Westphal, Staff Consultant
Franklin J. Schupp, Staff Consultant
Harry C. Cromer, Investigator-Consultant

2. By previous arrangement, I had advised Dr. Morgan that the Director could not be expected to comment on the Powers situation. Consequently, at the opening of the meeting Dr. Morgan indicated that the Director wished to state his position on this point. The Director indicated that he had not yet received the Board's report and, consequently, would not be able to deal with the subject. Despite this, there were continued and aggressive attempts to force him to answer questions on the subject.

3. The Director utilized the prepared briefing book dealing with the following subjects:

Soviet Internal Situation	South Vietnam
Sino-Soviet Relations	Laos
Soviet Nuclear Testing	Cuba
Soviet Long Range Attack Forces	Latin America
Berlin	

The Director took approximately an hour to give this presentation.

4. Mr. Zablocki made references to some reports about hardened launchers in caves in the Urals and Manchuria and seemed irked when the Director responded that we had no information on this.

5. Mrs. Kelly then expressed disagreement about something including she had not learned anything from the briefing.

6. Mr. Hays, when his turn came, expressed his disapproval of the Agency, the Director's briefing and other things. His quip for the day was that like Mr. McCone's predecessor, Mr. Dulles told them nothing as had McCone but that Mr. Dulles told it more entertainingly.

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7. Mrs. Bolton referred to a recent newspaper column apparently quoting Roger Hilsman and dealt with some differences between State information and CIA. We agreed to look into this.

8. Mr. Whalley asked some questions concerning the Agency ability to have detected Soviet plans to resume testing. In this connection Mr. McCone stated that he was surprised that the Soviets resumed atmospheric testing in view of their strong and frequent comments. Later it was learned that this disturbed Dr. Judd somewhat.

9. It was clear that a large number of the members were dissatisfied with this hearing although we later learned that the Chairman and a number of the staff members felt that if the members had really listened to what the Director did say they would have learned quite a bit and it was their conclusion that in fact it was a good briefing.



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